



THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20201

**CHARTER**

**TASK FORCE ON AGING RESEARCH**

**PURPOSE**

Title III of the Home Health Care and Alzheimer's Disease Amendments of 1990, Section 301 requires the Secretary to establish a Task Force on Aging Research to make recommendations regarding support of research on aging, which includes research on the aging process and on the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, disorders, and complications related to aging, including menopause: research on such treatments, and on medical devices and other medical interventions regarding such disease, disorders, and complications, that can assist individuals in avoiding institutionalization and prolonged hospitalization and in otherwise increasing the functional ability of individuals to perform activities of daily living or instrumental activities of daily living without assistance or supervision.

**AUTHORITY**

42 U.S. Code 242q; Section 301 of The Home Health Care and Alzheimer's Disease Amendments of 1990 (Public Law 101-557). The Task Force is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463 as amended (5 U.S. Code Appendix 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

**FUNCTION**

The Task Force on Aging Research each fiscal year shall (1) make recommendations to the Secretary specifying the particular projects of research, or the particular categories of research, that should be conducted or supported by the Secretary; (2) make recommendations to the Secretary of the projects that should be given priority in the provision of funds; and (3) make recommendations to the Secretary of the amount of funds that should be appropriated for such research-

**STRUCTURE**

The Task Force on Aging Research membership shall be composed of (1) the Assistant Secretary for Health; (2) the Surgeon General of the Public Health Service; (3) -the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation; (4) the Director of the National

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Institute on Aging, and the Directors of such other agencies of the National Institutes of Health as the Secretary determines to be appropriate; (5) the Commissioner of the Administration on Aging; (6) the Commissioner of Food and Drugs; (7) the Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs; (8) the Administrator of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration; (9) the Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration; (10) the Commissioner of Social Security; (11) the Administrator for Health Care Policy and Research; (12) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House in consultation with the Minority Leader, and two members of the Senate appointed by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Minority Leader, not more than one of whom from each body shall be -members of the same political party; and (13) three members of the general public, to be appointed by the Secretary, that shall include one representative each from (A) a nonprofit group representing older Americans; (B) a private voluntary health organization concerned with the health problems affecting older Americans; and (C) a nonprofit organization concerned with research related to the health and independence of older Americans.

The Secretary, acting through either the Assistant Secretary for Health or the Director of the National Institute on Aging, shall serve as Chair of the Task Force.

Non-Federal members shall be invited to serve for overlapping **4-year** terms, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. A member may serve after the expiration of the member's term until a successor has taken office. Terms of more than 2 years are contingent upon the renewal of the Charter of the Task Force on Aging Research by appropriate action prior to its expiration. If a vacancy occurs among the appointed members, the Secretary shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy within 90 **days from** the date the vacancy occurs.

Management and support services shall be provided by the Office of the Director, National Institute on Aging.

### **MEETINGS**

The Task Force shall meet periodically at the call of the Chair, but not less often than twice a year, with the advanced approval of a government official who also approves the agenda. A government official shall be present at all meetings. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum, and a lesser number may hold hearings.

Meetings shall be open to the public except as determined otherwise by the Secretary; notice of all meetings shall be given to the public.

Meetings shall be conducted and records of the proceedings kept, as required by applicable laws and Departmental regulations.

### COMPENSATION

Members of the Task Force who are not regular full-time employees of the United States Government shall, while attending meetings and conferences of the Task Force, or otherwise engaged in the business of the Task Force (including travel time), be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding the rate specified at the time of such service under GS-18 of the General Schedules established under section 5332 of title 5, United States Code. While away from their homes or regular places of business on the business of the Task Force, members of such Task Force may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as is authorized under section 5703, title 5, United States Code, for persons employed intermittently in the Government service. .

### ANNUAL COST ESTIMATE

Estimated annual cost for operating the Task Force, including compensation and travel expenses for members but excluding staff support, is \$90,818. Estimate of annual person-years of staff support required is 2.1 at an estimated annual cost of \$67,693.

### REPORTS

Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Task Force shall prepare and submit to the Secretary, and to the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, a report providing the recommendations required in section 301(a).

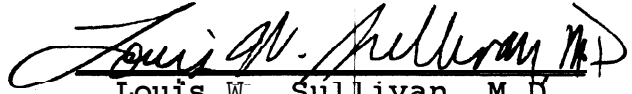
In addition, an annual report shall be prepared not later than December 31 for submission to the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary for Health; and the Director, National Institutes of Health, which shall contain, as a minimum, the Council's functions, a list of members and their business addresses, the dates and places of meetings, and a summary of the Council's activities and recommendations during the year. A copy of the report shall be provided to the Department Committee Management Officer.

**DURATION**

Continuing (the charter of the Task Force on Aging Research will terminate 2 years from date of approval).

**APPROVED**

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Date

  
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Secretary